

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD**

July 8, 2005

Chairman Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Rex Morris, Frank Sturgeon, Don Smith, Eugene Reynolds, Phyllis Carruth and Marc Oudin. Also present were Assistant Attorney General, Amy Ford (Substituting for Chilesa Ready), Executive Director, Tommy Reed, Board staff and members of the audience.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for June 10, 2005, Mr. Oudin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sturgeon seconded. The motion carried on voice vote with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: Nine (9) transfer requests were submitted and approved during the month. There were six (6) agent suspensions due to termination, one (1) agent resignation and two (2) licenses voluntarily submitted while awaiting court appeal. Chairman Smith invited comment or discussion. There was none and the Board proceeded.

Forfeitures - Open:

The Open Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. Mr. Reed noted Holt Bonding Co. had made an arrangement with the court to time-pay several of their forfeitures. Also it was noted that Manuel Bail Bonds, Inc. had lost an appeal through the court on a \$100,000.00 Bond and a final notice has been sent to them with a July 11, 2005 deadline. There being no further discussion, the Chair called for motions. Mr. Oudin moved to suspend those licensees whose forfeitures were not timely paid between July 8, 2005 and August 12, 2005. Mrs. Carruth seconded. The motion was put to a voice vote and carried with all in favor.

Past Due Forfeitures:

The Past Due Forfeiture Report was presented for review. Chairman Smith invited questions, comments or discussion. It was noted by Mr. Reed that a review of the past years activity for WOLF, Bud Dennis and Reeve's Bail Bonds was attached purely for The Boards information. There were no further comments and the Board proceeded.

NEW BUSINESS

June Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

Chairman Smith invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid in June. There were no questions or comments and the Board proceeded.

License Approvals:

Three (3) bondsman license applications and six (6) tentative bondsman applications were submitted for Board approval. Mr. Sturgeon moved to approve those applications as presented, pending receipt of necessary documentation. Mr. Reynolds seconded. The Chair called for discussion or comments; hearing none, the matter was put to a vote. The motion carried with none opposed.

Request to Attend Conference:

A memorandum was submitted by Mr. Reed requesting permission to attend the 2005 Mid-Year Conference of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States. An estimate of the cost was detailed. Mr. Oudin stated he has in the past attended several of these conferences and felt it would benefit the Board for Mr. Reed to attend. Mr. Oudin made a motion for approval, Mr. Reynolds seconded. The motion carried on voice vote with one no.

Public Comments:

Chairman Smith opened the floor for public comments. Gary Edwards, president of the Bail Bond Association, noted that the Association had several questions regarding the proposed regulation changes. It was discussed if the August Board meeting was giving the industry ample time to review and comment on the new changes. Mr. Edwards also suggested that the Association be allowed time to have a committee review and make recommendations. Chairman Smith allowed the discussion several minutes and assured the public present that at the next meeting official comments would be considered.

There were no further public comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This _____ 8th day of July, 2005 _____
Don Smith, Chairman